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House votes in favor of returning La Paz Lands

Approved without opposition; Senate may wait until early next year to vote

CRIT's efforts to regain the La Paz Lands south of the current reservation boundaries

"...The land in question would provide resolution of a conflict and increase the local economic benefits of not only the Colorado River Indian Tribes, but also the local areas of the Town of Parker and La Paz County."

— Town of Parker resolution in support of La Paz Lands

picked up steam over the past couple of months, as the Town of Parker and both Arizona U.S. senators voiced their support for the effort.

Additionally, the bill that would return the 16,000 acres to CRIT was passed by the House of Representatives and is awaiting action in the U.S. Senate, with a vote likely in the Senate early next year.

Because the Senate was not able to pass

the bill before the end of its most recent session, the House will have to vote on it again in Spring. However, it was approved unanimously and without opposition by the House in October, so Tribal officials and lobbyists are confident in its passage.

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Indian Days Celebrate Culture



CRIT members and Native Americans from other Arizona tribes joined together to celebrate the 32nd Annual Native American Days from September 29th to October 3rd.

The festivities included Pow-Wows, a parade, a barbecue, a softball tournament, a 5K run, a baby contest, pageants and coronations and many other events, all held in Parker and on the CRIT reservation during the five-day event.

(Above) Traditional dancing was featured at the Grand Entry Pow Wows held on Friday, October 1st and Saturday, October 2nd.

(Left) Vera was one of the cute babies entered in the Baby Contest on October 1st.

See Page 5 for a four-page spread featuring photos from the best moments of the 32nd Annual Native American Days celebration.

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Aggressive monitoring spots West Nile early

No reports of virus in people; CRIT working with local, state agencies

Mosquitoes with the West Nile virus have been found in a mosquito trap on the CRIT reservation in Poston. It is the first evidence of the West Nile virus on CRIT lands.

Poston is located about 10 miles south of Parker, Arizona along the Colorado River. About 50 "Culex Tarsalas" mosquitoes were found in a trap placed on September 8 by the Indian Health Service in the community.

Culex Tarsalas mosquitoes are one of the

breeds of mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus. No cases of West Nile have been reported in any people or animals on the reservation.

As a result, CRIT's Environmental Protection Office will immediately begin a spraying program to eradicate the problem.

In the meantime, CRIT residents with questions about West Nile virus are encouraged to call the Environmental Protection Office at (928) 662-4336.

"We want to get the word out and let everyone know that we are taking the situation

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News, information from your Tribal Government

Chairman Daniel Eddy Jr.
Vice Chairman Russell Welsh
Tribal Council: Sylvia Homer (Secretary),
Eldred Enas (Treasurer), Dennis Patch,
Daphne Hill-Poolaw, Ray Aspa, Sr.,
Herman "T.J." Laffoon, Valerie Welsh-Tahbo

Hospital partnership will make area services better

It's a partnership that has the potential to save lives.
CRIT is teaming up with La Paz County and the La Paz Regional Hospital to use part of the Tribes' gaming revenues to improve the emergency room at the hospital.
As part of its gaming compact, CRIT is required to share gaming revenues with government entities, an agreement known as the "tribal contribution."
Eighty-eight percent of the tribal contribution must go to the State of Arizona. But the other 12 percent may be used locally.
The CRIT Tribal Council decided to help address a major area of need in the community with the revenue — improvements to the La Paz Regional Hospital Emergency Room.
CRIT has a long history of supporting the hospital, which is located on Tribal lands. Almost all members of the CRIT and Parker community rely on the hospital for some medical care.
The new revenues will be enough to build a new trauma room in the ER, which has the potential to save lives.
It's an important partnership for the entire area, and one CRIT is proud to be a part of with La Paz County and La Paz Regional Hospital.

Reclamation of La Paz Lands closer than ever to reality

With each passing day, CRIT officials believe they are closer than ever to the long-awaited goal of reclaiming the La Paz Lands.
The approximately 16,000 acres, which were taken decades ago from the Tribes, have been the subject of much debate over the years. CRIT has tried several times unsuccessfully to convince the Federal Government to give back the lands, located south of the CRIT reservation boundaries.
Those efforts have not always been met with widespread support. But this time around, CRIT enjoys significant support from a broad coalition of local, state and federal officials.
Most recently, the Town of Parker passed a resolution supporting CRIT's efforts. Both U.S. Senators from Arizona, Jon Kyl and John McCain have voiced their support, as have *The Arizona Republic* and the Bush administration.
In the meantime, the legislative process continues to move forward, and CRIT expects the U.S. Congress to vote on the Colorado River Indian Reservation Boundary Correction Act, as it is known officially, very soon.
CRIT was wronged many years ago when the Federal Government took the La Paz Lands. But now, thanks to the support of so many throughout the state, we're closer than ever to seeing that wrong made right.

Your Tribal Council at work for you Laffoon stresses economic development effort

Councilman says revenue needed to provide key services to members

T.J. Laffoon first wanted to become a Tribal councilman to be a part of the changes that CRIT was undergoing over time.
"When you see changes, you want to be a part of them and make a difference," he said. "I had a lot of goals, and really wanted to help who I call 'the little people' — the children of our community."
Laffoon has made it a priority to focus on economic development during his time on Tribal Council just for that reason — to ensure a brighter future for CRIT's children. But he also wants to make sure CRIT takes care of its elders, as well.
"I want to see us start more enterprises so that we can generate the revenue for the General Fund that we need to provide these services," he said.
Laffoon started on the council in 1990 and has served all but two years since that time. He also works in the Tribal Realty Office, so he's on



Councilman T.J. Laffoon

the forefront of economic development efforts. He has also lobbied Congress to return the La Paz Lands to CRIT, a key tribal issue.
Laffoon said he wants to make it easier for working professionals to live in Parker and provide services to CRIT and the community.
He also said that listening to our elders is one of the most important things we can do.
"I've learned a lot and have had good teachers," he said. "You always learn a lot from your elders — it's important to sit and listen to them."
When not working on Tribal affairs, Laffoon is active in helping veterans. He has served as a commander for the American Legion, and is on the National Register for Military Funerals.
Laffoon stressed the need to maintain good relationships with other area governments, as well as making sure Tribal members participate in the Tribal government and vote in the upcoming local, state and federal elections.
"I want the people to be informed so that I can be their voice and understand their opinions," he said.
Laffoon's other priorities include improving nursing home care for elders, protecting tribal sovereignty and maintaining CRIT's history and culture for generations to come.
He said that one of the reasons he wants to continue to be on council is because the work is always interesting.
"We make key decisions, and it's never dull," Laffoon said. "It's always exciting to me."

Letters to the Editor

Member wants to learn more about family background and history

I would like to say thank you for the newsletter that you and your staff publish and send out to tribal members who live outside the lands of CRIT.
I am a CRIT tribal member. I currently live at the Pueblo of Laguna in New Mexico. In my early years I attended school at La Pera Elementary. I then transferred to Fort Apache in Whiteriver, and then graduated from Sherman Indian High School. I now live and work in Laguna, where I have been the manager of the

public works department for 26 years. A lot of my friends have asked where I disappeared to.
I really enjoyed the story about Chief Manataba, who I have learned is my great-grandfather.
My parents were Abner Martin and Barbara Jean Ameelyenah. I don't know much about my family roots, but would like to hear from family members I don't know and trace my family roots.
Anyone having information on my request may write to me at the following address. Thank you for your time and help.
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Route 1, Box 23-B
Parker, AZ 85344
You may also e-mail letters to critnews@aol.com

Tribal elections coming in December

CRIT's Tribal Council elections will be held this year on Saturday, December 4.

Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. and Councilmembers Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, Daphne Hill-Poolaw, T.J. Laffoon and Dennis Patch are up for re-election in the December vote. The other four councilmembers' terms expire in December of 2006.

In addition, Sylvia Homer's term as Secretary and Eldred Enas' term as treasurer expire on December 31st. The Tribal Council will select someone for each office from the Council's membership after the election.

All terms are four years, and are effective as of installation of the new members on January 3, 2005.

Any member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes who meets certain criteria, and who turns in a nominating petition with at least 10 signatures from active Tribal members over 18 years of age no later than 30 days before the election, may run for a Tribal Council position.

The criteria mentioned above include being an enrolled member of CRIT, being at least 25 years old, and living on the CRIT

reservation for at least one year before the election.

The petition deadline for Tribal Council offices is November 4 at 5 p.m. A list of qualified candidates will be posted in the Tribal offices a few days later.

Candidates for Chairman are elected separately from the candidates for Tribal Council. The same guidelines apply for petitions and qualification.

In addition, the Tribal Council has the right to place any special referendums on the ballot.

Absentee ballots for the Tribal election must be requested by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 12th, and are due to be returned at 5 p.m. on Election Day.

The election will take place from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on December 4th. Residents of Tribal District I will vote at the Tribal offices; residents of District II will vote at Head Start Valley School.

For more information on the election process, please call the Tribal Membership & Enrollment Office.

Upcoming Events

BlueWater Resort & Casino events

Several big-name concerts and events are coming to the BlueWater Resort & Casino.

- The 2nd Annual BlueWater River Run will be held from October 7-10. For heart-pumping excitement, not much comes close to watching eight-foot wing span, gas-guzzling behemoths tearing around pylons so fast that they blur as they pass by. The BlueWater River run features high-power planes competing at speeds of more than 220 miles per hour. For more information on this event contact Denny or Barbara Baker at DB Racing by calling 925-513-1224, or email: Race690@aol.com.

- The Honky Tonk Tailgate Party will be held on October 16. This concert combines country's Number 1 hit-makers, Rhett Akins ("That Ain't My Truck," "Don't Get Me Started" and "I Break for Brunettes"), Chad Brock ("Ordinary Life" and "Yes"), David Kersh ("Goodnight Sweetheart" and "If I Never Stop Loving You") and Daryle Singletary ("Too Much Fun," "I Let Her Lie" and "Amen Kind of Love") for one incredible show. The individual performances will be followed by a 'tailgate' jam session where all the entertainers take the stage to do your favorite honky tonk covers together on one stage. Tickets are on sale at the Gift Shop of the BlueWater Resort & Casino for \$20 in advance and \$25 day of show. Gates will open at 6 pm and the concert starts at 8 pm with fireworks to follow the show. For more information call 928-669-7035.

- On October 21, the Relics -n- Rods "Run to the Sun" Car Show and Poker Run will be held at the BlueWater Resort & Casino. For more information on this event contact Walter Foxcroft at 928-453-9683 or email: foxcrofts@yahoo.com.

- On October 22 and 23, the 5th Annual Parker Bikerfest will take place. BlueWater Resort & Casino will be the final stop on the annual Poker Run for this event. For more information contact the Parker Area Tourism Committee at 928-669-6511.

- BlueWater Resort & Casino, Town of Parker, La Paz County and Mountain Man Events will bring you the 5th Annual BlueWater resort & Casino Triathlon on October 31, 2004. Talented triathletes from all over the Southwest will be descending on Parker, Arizona to participate in the one-mile swim, 34-mile bike and 5-mile run event. For more information on this event contact Eddie Carlin at 928-526-8761 or email: Eddie@MountainManEvents.com.

- Also on Sunday October 31, the Annual BlueWater Resort & Casino Halloween Costume Party will be held in the Dig Lounge. Cash prizes will be awarded for Best Costume. \$500 for 1st Place, \$300 for 2nd Place & \$200 for 3rd Place. For more information on this event contact Dempsey Holt at 928-669-7035 or email: dholt@bluewaterfun.com.

- On November 13, 2004 Mel Tillis will be in concert in the BlueWater Bingo Concert Hall. Country music legend Mel Tillis, started performing in the early '50's with a group

CRIT gaming revenues to benefit hospital

The CRIT Tribal Council has approved a resolution directing revenues generated by the BlueWater Resort & Casino to improve the La Paz Regional Hospital.

As part of CRIT's gaming compact with the State of Arizona, CRIT is required to provide a tribal contribution that is a certain percentage of gaming funds. Eighty-eight percent of those funds are mandated to go to the state.

CRIT has the option of keeping the other 12 percent of its tribal contribution in its local area, in cooperation with other government entities. The Tribal Council has decided to dedicate these funds to improve the emergency room at the hospital, specifically to build a trauma room at the facility.

"It was important to the Tribal Council to keep revenues from the BlueWater Resort & Casino in our community, and we wanted to make sure they were used in ways that would meet important community needs," said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. "The La Paz Regional Hospital provides services to virtually every member of the local community, so we thought this would be an extremely beneficial use of these funds."

CRIT has a long history of supporting the La Paz Regional Hospital. The hospital itself is located on Tribal land and serves both Tribal and non-Tribal members of the community.

"I'm sure I speak for Rock Cramer, Chairman, and the Board of Directors in expressing our gratitude to the Colorado River Indian Tribes for



The La Paz Regional Hospital's emergency room will receive key upgrades thanks to the use of CRIT gaming revenues.

selecting the La Paz Regional Hospital to show their support for our facility by making this financial contribution," said Vickie Clark, CEO. "This tribal contribution will be a significant step

towards our Emergency Department expansion and renovation project."

La Paz County Supervisor Gene Fisher said that the County was pleased to enter into the agreement.

"We're pleased to enter into this partnership between La Paz County, La Paz Regional Hospital and CRIT,"

Fisher said. "This is the first use of these revenues by CRIT, and I believe it is a very good choice to use them to improve the hospital's emergency room in a way that will benefit the community."

The funds are required by law to be directed to a local government entity. CRIT will direct the funds to the county, with an agreement that they will be earmarked for hospital improvements.

"It was important to the Tribal Council to keep revenues from the BlueWater Resort & Casino in our community, and we wanted to make sure they were used in ways that would meet important community needs."
— Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr.

Some businesses not honoring Tribal tax exemption

CRIT members are exempt from paying taxes on reservation lands, including in the Town of Parker. However, there are a number of businesses who are not honoring that exemption, and charging Tribal members improperly.

The CRIT Department of Revenue and Finance has compiled a list of businesses who are and who are not charging taxes to Tribal members, so that members can be aware of their rights when they buy goods and services.

The businesses that ARE charging Tribal members taxes include the following:

- Badenoch’s, Highway 95 (up river)
- Best Western/Parker Inn, 1012 Geronimo Avenue
- Circle K, 1516 California Avenue
- La Piazza, 801 11th Street
- Superfuels, 1100 California Avenue
- Woody’s Food Store, 1001 Fiesta Avenue.

The businesses NOT charging Tribal members taxes include the following:

Restaurants

- Blimpie, 900 California Avenue
- Burger King #9284, 701 Riverside Drive
- Coffee Erns, 1720 California Avenue
- Crossroads Restaurant, 612 California Avenue
- Dairy Queen Brazier, 1101 California Avenue
- Daniel’s Best Jerky, 1312 California Avenue
- Domino’s Pizza, 518 Riverside Drive
- Early Bird Coffee Shop, 904 California Avenue
- KFC/A&W, 205 Riverside Drive
- Lazy Daze Bar & Grill, 1007 Arizona Avenue
- McDonald’s, 990 Riverside Drive

- Ruperto’s Mexican Food, 800 Riverside Drive
- Pizza Hut, 1004 California Avenue
- Taco Bell, 129 Riverside Drive

Retail Establishments

- Apothecary Drug, 1002 Arizona Avenue
- Basha’s, 1020 Arizona Avenue
- Bob’s Furniture, 1100 Agency Road
- City Maytag, 1013 Arizona Avenue
- Continental Jewelry & Repair, 804 Riverside Drive
- Desert Awning, 301 Kofa Avenue
- Dollar Daze of Parker, 1009 California Avenue
- Fascinating Things, 1021 Arizona Avenue
- Home Entertainment Plus, 1001 12th Street
- La Paz Awards & Gifts, 730 Kofa Avenue
- Little Brown Jug, 900 California Avenue
- Look-N-See, 1405 Joshua Avenue
- Parker Office Supply, 1005 W. Arizona Avenue
- P&B Tenni and T’s, 1320 Joshua Avenue
- Raven Books & Photos, 1317 Joshua Avenue
- River Rags, 117 W. Riverside Drive
- Sav-On Drugs, 131 W. Riverside Drive
- Safeway, 121 Riverside Drive
- Sears, 135 Riverside Drive
- Second Hand Gallery, 703 11th Street
- Spanky’s RV & Marine, 1012 Joshua Avenue
- The Beach, 147 Riverside Drive
- The Painter’s Warehouse, 809 California Ave.
- The Shrubbery Florist, 915 Arizona Avenue
- TLC Consignment Boutique, 1112 Arizona Avenue
- Video Depot/Radio Shack, 1317 Joshua Avenue

Automotive/Marine Establishments

- Auto Zone, 1120 Kofa Avenue
- Bradley Chevrolet, 2500 Industrial Park
- Castro Service Center, 1408 California Avenue
- For You Tire & Auto, 1900 Joshua Avenue

- Lane’s Align & Auto, 1036 Hopi Drive
- Mobile-TCBY, 216 Riverside Drive
- Napa Auto Parts, 817 California Avenue
- P&M Enterprises, 1020 California Avenue
- Parker Auto & Marine, 908 Joshua Avenue
- Parker Motor Company, 920 Arizona Avenue
- Parker Yamaha Sea-Doo Polaris Honda, 800 California Avenue
- State Line Tire & Wheel, 1320 California Ave.

Gas Stations/Convenience Marts

- Terrible Herb’s/AM-PM, 101 California Avenue
- Parker Oil Products, 508 California Avenue
- Parker Union 76, 616 Riverside Drive

Hardware Establishments

- Colorado River Building Materials, 600 Riverside Dr.
- Davis Building Supply/Ace Hardware, 1408 Joshua Avenue

Hotels/Lodging

- Big River Inn, Big River
- BlueWater Resort, 11300 Resort Drive
- El Rancho Motel, 1700 California Avenue
- Kofa Inn, 1700 California Avenue
- Motel 6, 604 California Avenue
- Stardust Motel, 700 California Avenue

Other

- Jet Printing, 1021 19th Street
- Movie Gallery, 155 Riverside Drive
- Teri’s Health & Water Service, 1320 Joshua Avenue
- Rust’s River Glass, 918 12th Street

Businesses generally require a Tribal identification card either at the time of purchase or prior to ringing up the sale.



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SPECIAL SECTION:

32nd Annual Native American Days — Parker, AZ

**Friday, October 1:
The Baby Contest
provides parents
and children with
an opportunity to
enjoy traditional
dress and some of
the cutest kids
around...**



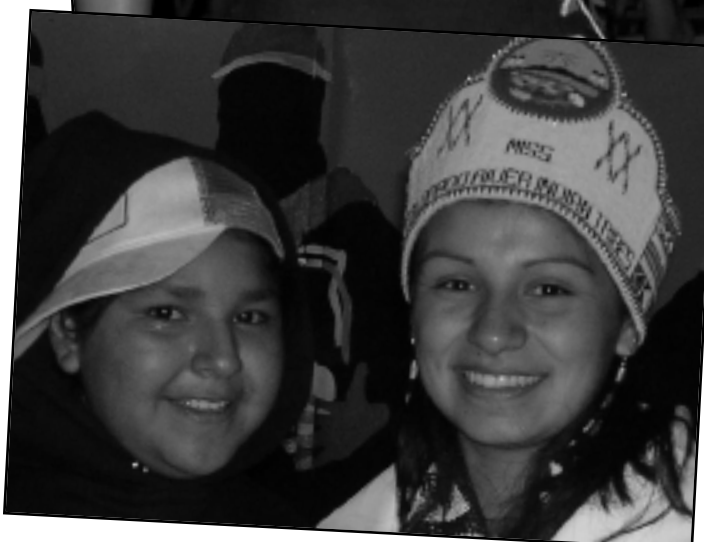
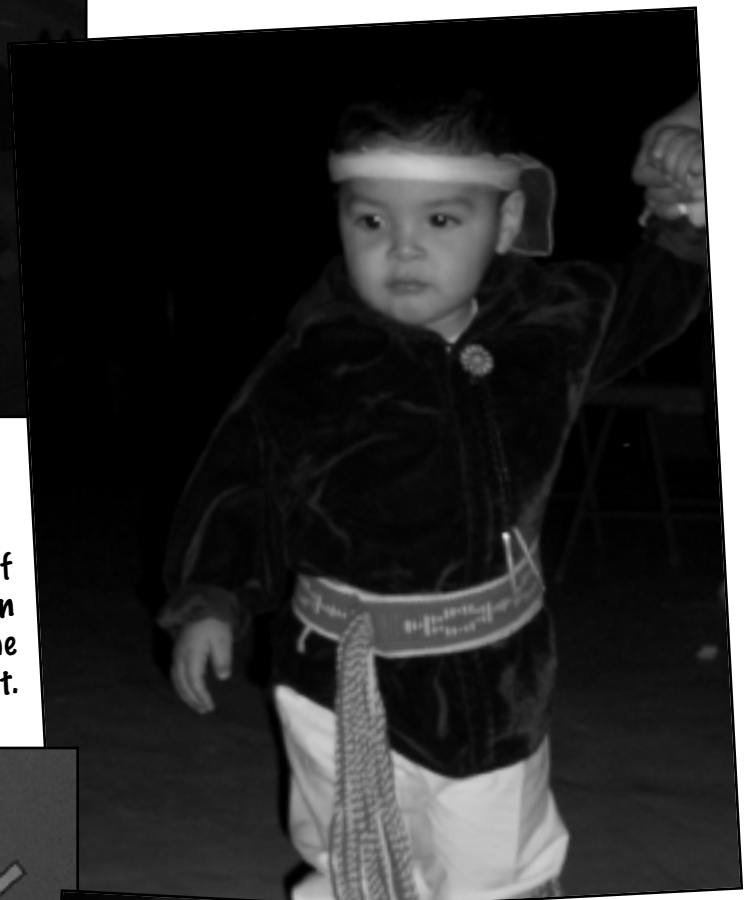
Baby Haley with proud parents.



**Another cute baby at the
Baby Contest.**

**Baby Sophia
makes a big
impression.**

**Dozens of
children
entered the
contest.**



Ms. CRIT Whitney Sharpe and friend



Ms. Junior CRIT Tayla Tahbo



Little Ms. CRIT Talia Chavez

SPECIAL SECTION:
32nd Annual Native American Days — Parker, AZ



Dancers performing at the Grand Entry Pow Wow on Friday night.



Butch Bob, Victor Bob and Kyle Etsitty at the Pow Wow.

October 1 & 2:
The two Grand Entry Pow Wows featured traditional dancers and dress.



Andrea Redman and B.J. McDaniels.



Dancers at Saturday's Pow Wow.

SPECIAL SECTION: 32nd Annual Native American Days — Parker, AZ



The new Ms. CRIT, Whitney Sharpe

Tribal elders in the parade.



October 2nd:
The Native American Days
Parade features people from
throughout the state.



A gourd dance was held after the parade
at the Pow Wow grounds.



A gourd dance was held after the parade at the Pow Wow grounds.

SPECIAL SECTION:
32nd Annual Native American Days — Parker, AZ



A float representing the Pai tribes in the parade.



Everyone
enjoys
the great
food!

October 2nd:
A free barbecue was
one of the events
that wrapped up the
festivities.



Ray Blackwater at the barbecue in his dance dress.



Ed Yava and Minnie & Mark Roanhorse

Children, elders shine in October photo contest



Submit now, win money in December

Sheramy Tahbo is the winner of the October *Manataba Messenger* photo contest with her photo of her cousins, Taylor and Terra Tahbo (above). She will receive \$100 for her winning entry.

Second prize went to Nicole Eddy for her photo of her great aunt, Barbara Sharp, making a traditional dress. She wins \$50.

Remember that the photo contest will take

place in every issue! The *Manataba Messenger* is published every two months, so the next issue will come out about December 1st. To submit a photo contest entry, send your picture to:

Manataba Messenger

C/O Rose & Allyn

7051 E. 5th Avenue Suite B

Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Or just e-mail the entry to critnews@aol.com.

Congratulations to this month's winners!



CRIT BRIEFS

News from around the Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation

CRIT Library receives grants

The CRIT Library has received two significant grants to provide members with important programs and services.

In August, the library received \$1,500 from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and Arizona State Library to conduct a Phase I Tribal Chairmen Project. The project, headed by Josephine Scott, is designed to generate awareness and gather needed information about past Tribal chairmen. (See photos, Page 7).

Additionally, the Library recently received a \$1,500 grant from the Colorado River Sewage System Joint Venture, which will be used to purchase an encyclopedia set and two flat-screen monitors.

Education promotes ongoing initiatives

The CRIT Education Department is involved with several ongoing programs and initiatives:

- The Department is partnering with Arizona Western College to create a place for the learning needs of Native American students. When a majority of staff and students are of the majority ethnic group, research shows it's difficult for

Native American students to feel comfortable.

For that reason, the department and AWC are working together to make the CRIT computer lab an official site for Tribal members to attain a college degree online. The plan is to have an AWC-funded staff member to assist students with all skills necessary for enrollment, advising, book ordering and successful completion of classes. It is literally possible to get a two- or four-year degree through computer learning. Contact the Education Department for more information.

- On October 23rd, the chairs of the Poston Restoration Project will come together to design a viable plan for moving forward toward construction of a living history museum. A number of experts in the field, including museum curators, architects and project specialists will also attend the meeting, which will be held at Arizona State University.

The all-day session should be a giant step forward toward completion of the project. The Tribal Council also recently passed a resolution to set aside acreage for the project.

- The Education Department is examining the creation of a charter school. Other tribes in the state, including the Gila River Indian Community and Salt River-Pima Maricopa Tribe have opened tribal-based charter schools.

These institutions emphasize Native culture, teaching styles and specific ways to build parent participation. Many public schools do not see these as a priority, and instead teach according to models successful with the dominant culture.

The proposed school would start with grade levels K-5. A survey is planned soon to assess the degree of Tribal interest.

- Finally, the Education Department is in the process of hiring two counselors, one for grades K-8 and the other for high school students. These counselors will help make sure CRIT students don't "fall through the cracks." If you're concerned about your child's academic or social progress, call the Department for follow-up.

Parents have options if they encounter problems with PUSD personnel

The Education Department has prepared a packet to assist with the process of filing a complaint if there is a problem with personnel at the Parker Unified School District.

Complaints must include the name of the person making the complaint, who they represent, whether the problem has been discussed with the employee and a written summary of the complaint.

There is then an administrative process that must be followed in order to have the complaint resolved. It involves the employee, his or her supervisor, and eventually the school's chain of command all the way up to the School Board.

From there, a detailed process is outlined by state law to deal with the complaint at the School Board level. Once the entire administrative process has been exhausted, a case is then considered a possibility for litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction.

There are other methods and alternatives to make sure the rights of students and families are upheld. For more information, please contact the CRIT Education Department.

Fisher, Scott highlight local primary winners

Local, state and federal races will be decided in November 2nd election

La Paz County Supervisor Gene Fisher, who has been a key supporter of Tribal efforts to reaquire the La Paz Lands, was victorious in the Democratic primary for his District 1 supervisors seat in the September Primary Election.

Fisher will face Republican Duce Minor in the November 2nd General Election, one of many local, state and federal races to be decided.

Fisher has also recently been instrumental in working with CRIT on the agreement to use Tribal gaming revenues to improve the La Paz Regional Hospital.

In the other County Supervisor races, Mary Scott, another advocate of Tribal issues, beat incumbent Jay Howe in the Primary and will be unopposed in the General Election.

And Cliff Edey, who has spoken out against CRIT's efforts to reaquire the La Paz Lands in *The Arizona Republic*, did not have a primary opponent. He will face Democrat Mark Paterson in the General Election.

Other key races in the upcoming election on the local, state and federal level include:

- CRIT Tribal Prosecutor Martin Brannan will face Glenn Buckelew for County Attorney.
- Native American Kee Kaibetony will face incumbent Hal Collett in the Sheriff's race.
- Incumbent Congressman Raul Grijalva, another key proponent of the La Paz Lands efforts, will face Libertarian Dave Kaplan and

Republican Joseph Sweeney.

Below is a listing of all races for local, state and federal office on the November 2 ballot:

La Paz County Offices

Board of Supervisors, District 1

Minor, Duce (R)
Fisher, Eugene M. (D)

Board of Supervisors, District 2

Edey, Clifford D. (R)
Paterson, Mark S. (D)

Board of Supervisors, District 3

Scott, Mary A. (R)

County Attorney

Brannan, Martin (R)
Buckelew, Glenn (D)

County Sheriff

Collett, Hal (R)
Kaibetony, Kee (D)

County Treasure

Solper, Ellen (D)

County School Superintendent

Shelton, Janice L. (R)
Schlecht, Dan (D)

For more information:

The November 2nd General Election will decide a number of local, state and federal offices — including county supervisors, state and federal representatives, and the President of the United States.

The La Paz County Elections Office can help you find out the following:

- How to register to vote or make sure you are currently registered.
- Your polling location for the November 2nd election.

You may contact the County Elections Office at the following:

Elections Director Donna J. Hale
1108 Joshua Ave.
Parker, AZ 85344
(928) 669-6115
dhale@co.la-paz.az.us
www.co.la-paz.az.us/elections.htm

The Colorado River Indian Tribes encourages all Tribal members to vote in the upcoming election.

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Get your message out in the Manataba Messenger

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- ✓ Submit a story idea or photo for publication.
- ✓ Write a letter to the editor and let us know what you think.

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Forum unlocks history of chairmen



As part of the Tribal Chairmen Project, a public forum was held on Sept. 16 in the Tribal Chambers.

Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. welcomed the audience, and special presenters included former tribal council leaders Veronica Homer and Elliott Booth.

The event included a presentation on the history of the Tribal chairmen and Council, including historic photos like the one of the 1938 Tribal Council (above).

There were approximately 60 tribal and local community members at the forum (right).

Family members of a past tribal chairmen who would like to participate in the project and share their memories may call Josephine Scott at (928) 669-1332 to set up an appointment.



CANDIDATES,

From Page 10

County Recorder
Baker, Shelly (R)

County Assessor
Nault, George (R)

Constable, JP #5
No candidates

Constable, JP #6
Rycroft, Barbara (R)
Barker, Joyce (D)

Statewide Offices

District 3 State Senate
Ron Gould (R)

District 3 State Representative
Peggy Tommey Hammann (D)
Bruce Hinman (D)
Trish Groe (R)
Nancy McLain (R)

District 24 State Senate
Robert Cannell (R)
Rodney Martin (L)

District 24 State Representative
Amanda Aguirre (D)
Wm. Michael Smith (D)
Edmund L. Sheldon III (L)
Russ Jones (R)

Corporation Commissioner, term ending 1/1/07
Rick Fowlkes (L)
Kris Mayes (R)

Corporation Commissioner, term ending 1/5/09 (3 seats)
Mark Manoil (D)
Nina Trasoff (D)
Mike Gleason (R)
Jeff Hatch-Miller (R)
Bill Mundell (R)

Federal Offices

Congressional District 7
Raul Grijalva (D)
Dave Kaplan (L)
Joseph Sweeney (R)

U.S. Senate
Stuart Starky (D)
Ernest Hancock (L)
John McCain (R)

President of the United States
John Kerry (D)
George W. Bush (R)
Michael Badnarik (L)

School Board positions, utility and fire district positions and a few other races will be on the ballot as well, along with a number of ballot propositions.

In Memory...

The family of James K. Laffoon submitted this poem in his honor to mark his death on August 29, 2002:

The Broken Chain

We didn't know that morning, that God
was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly, in death
we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, you
did not go alone.
For part of us went with you, the day
God called you home.

You left us many memories, that will
forever bide,
And though we cannot see you, we feel
your presence at our side.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing
is the same.
But as God calls us one by one, the chain
will link again.

The Manataba Messenger welcomes submissions for anniversaries, wedding announcements, obituaries, graduations and other events. For contact information, see the information on Page 8 of this issue.

LANDS,

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The Parker Town Council passed a resolution on July 6th supporting CRIT’s efforts to regain control of the lands.

The resolution cited CRIT’s long-standing support of the Town of Parker as well as the Town’s hope that a resolution would come soon to this important local issue.

“...The land in question would provide resolution of a conflict and increase the local economic benefits of not only the Colorado River Indian Tribes, but also the local areas of the Town of Parker and La Paz County,” the resolution stated.

Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. welcomed the support of both the Town of Parker and of Senators John McCain and Jon Kyl, who have voiced their public support in recent weeks.

“We appreciate their efforts and their willingness to publicly express their support for CRIT concerning this important issue,” he said. “We have been working for many, many years to regain the La Paz Lands for our people.

“We haven’t always had universal support for our efforts, but we are closer than ever right now to regaining these important lands because so many people have spoken on our behalf.”

Just as the bill passed unanimously in the House, there is also no current opposition to the bill in the Senate.

Senator McCain, while supportive of the bill, wants the Indian Affairs Committee to review the bill and its potential impacts before it goes to a vote of the Senate.

That hearing was not able to be scheduled before Congress’ session ended in mid-October, so a vote by the Senate was delayed.

Most likely, the bill will wait for a hearing until the new Congress convenes in early 2005. Once passed by the House and Senate, it would go to the President’s desk for his signature, at which point the law would become official and the lands would be returned to CRIT after an 80-year wait.

WEST NILE,

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very seriously, but we have no reason to believe at this point that any people or livestock have been infected,” said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. “Our Environmental Protection Office will work pro-actively with state and local agencies to address the issue in the most effective way possible.”

It is important to note that for most people, there is little chance of serious illness from a mosquito bite. It is estimated that less than one

percent of mosquitoes carry West Nile virus, and less than one percent of the people who are bitten by an infected mosquito will become seriously ill. Persons over the age of 50 are at higher risk for serious illness. Symptoms would occur 3 to 15 days after the mosquito bite. Most commonly, mild cases of West Nile Virus infection include a slight fever and headache.

Less commonly, more severe infections, including encephalitis, are marked by high fever, headache, confusion, muscle aches and weakness. Very severe infections can be fatal. If you develop signs of encephalitis seek medical care immediately.

EVENTS,

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called The Westerners.

Mel has written well over 1,000 songs and approximately 600 have been recorded by major artists. The first show is at 6:30 pm and the second show is at 9 pm.

Tickets will go on sale Monday September 20, 2004 in the Gift Shop of the BlueWater Resort & Casino. Ticket prices are \$27.50 in advance and \$32.50 day of show.

- The Southern California Speedboat Club

will put on their annual Thanksgiving Regatta November 26, 27 and 28. For more information on these contact Ross Wallach at 562-633-6200.

Dig Lounge upcoming acts

- Oct. 6-9 — “Cabaret”
- Oct. 13-16 — “Raw Country”
- Oct. 20-23 — “Small Fortune”
- Oct. 27-30 — “Swift Kick”
- Nov. 3-6 — “The Crush”
- Nov. 10-13 — “Suite 33”
- Nov. 17-20 — “Party of 4”
- Nov. 24-27 — “Long Train”

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